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**ATHLETIC BANQUET**

**ROXBURY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Friday, May 26, 1978  
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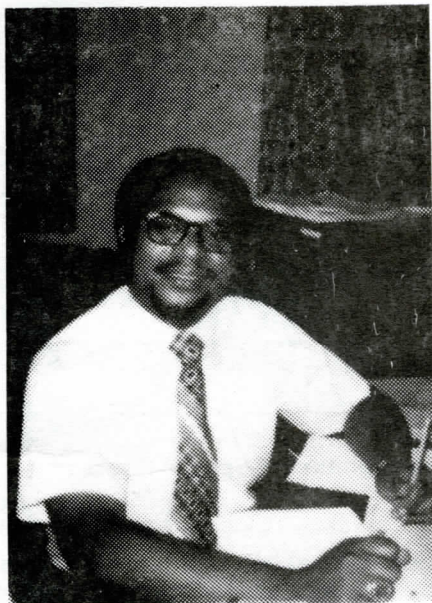
As Roxbury Community College completes its fifth academic year, we proudly reflect on our accomplishments. Notably our progress in the academics has been complemented by outstanding achievements in athletics.

Our athletes—phenomenal during the first, second, third and fourth basketball season—served us an encore of championships and trophies each season. The female team won their division and state championships, retained the New England Regional championship and again traveled to the National Tournament in Kansas as the undefeated representatives of New England. We are among the top ten in the nation and have representatives on the All-American, All National, All Regional and All State Teams. Our male team is number one in the state.

Alfreda Harris, the Women's Coach, received the "Coach of the Year Award" of the New England Region.

We are proud of our athletes for another year of high achievement and we take this opportunity to honor them as well as other high achievers in the college and in the community. We have expanded the Banquet in order to honor outstanding service and academic achievement throughout the college.

I proudly hail the first All-College Awards Night.



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# *Program*

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*Mr. Clarence "Jeep" Jones  
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Guest Speaker

*Attorney Joyce London Alexander  
General Counsel and Assistant Vice-  
Chancellor of the Massachusetts Board of  
Higher Education and President of the Urban  
League of Eastern Massachusetts.*

A History of Roxbury Community College Athletics

*Dr. Walter L. Smith, President  
Florida A&M Univ.*

Award Presentations

*Mr. Willie Booker,  
Athletic Director, Roxbury Community College  
and  
Mrs. Alfreda Harris  
Women's Basketball Coach*

Remarks

*Dr. Louis G. Bond  
Interim President*





## *Guest Speaker*

Attorney Joyce London Alexander, General Counsel and Assistant Vice-Chancellor of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education, is currently serving her second term as President of the Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts. Atty. Alexander, a life-long resident of Massachusetts, is also Regional Director and Executive Committee Member of the National Bar Association.

Atty. Alexander has been active in numerous civic and professional organizations. Upon graduation from law school, she received a Reginald Heber Smith Community Lawyer Fellowship and practiced in Roxbury at the Boston Legal Assistance Project.

She has received numerous awards including the Law and Community and Legal Services Award from the Women's Division of the National Bar Association and most recently, the Frederick Douglass Public Service Award from the Greater Boston YMCA Black Achievers.

Atty. Alexander is married to Atty. Robert Alexander and presently resides in Cambridge, Mass.

NOTE: For the purposes of this speaking engagement, you might wish to know that Atty. Alexander has a track record, both literally and figuratively. At age 14, she set the New England AAU track record for the 50 yard dash. A member of the Red Diamond A.C. Track Club in Cambridge, she ran the 50 yard dash, relay and long jump.

# HISTORY OF ROXBURY COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S ATHLETIC ACHIVEMENTS

**December 1974 — 1975**

**MEN — Won 15 — Lost 3**

Joined the Massachusetts Community College  
Athletic Association and the New England  
Regional XXI Association

**1975 — 1976**

**MEN — Won 22 — Lost 5**

*Massachusetts State Champions*

Most Valuable Play of the State — Jerome  
Denny

**WOMEN — Won 18 — Lost 5**

*Regional Champions*

Most Valuable Player of Regional — Marcia  
Williams

**1976 — 1977**

**MEN — Won 19 — Lost 5**

*2nd Place in the State*

*3rd Place in New York State Tournament*

**WOMEN — Won 25 — Lost 0**

*Regional Champions*

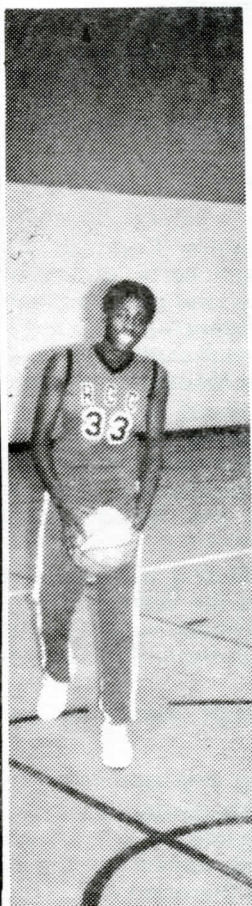
*Massachusetts State Champions*

Most Valuable Player of the Region — Susan  
Summons

Most Valuable Player of the State — Marcia  
Williams

All National Team — Susan Summons

All American Team — Marcia Williams



(3) players on All Regional Team — Susan  
Summons  
Carolyn Lewis  
Marcia Williams

**1977 — 1978**  
**MEN — Won 19 — Lost 3**

*Massachusetts State Champions*

Most Valuable Player of the State — Howard  
West

All Regional Team — Howard West & Melvin  
Robinson

All State Team — Howard West & Eddie  
Reason

All American — Howard West

**WOMEN — Won 20 — Lost 0**

*Massachusetts State Champions*

Most Valuable Player of the State — Shebra  
Legrant

Most Valuable Player of the Regional —  
Shebra Legrant

All American Team — Shebra Legrant

All National Team — Shebra Legrant, Susan  
Summons

All Regional Team — Shebra Legrant,  
Lisabeth Johnson, Susan Summons

All State Team — Shebra Legrant, Lisabeth  
Johnson, Susan Summons

Coach of the Year — Alfreda Harris







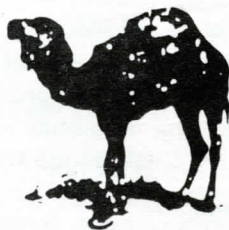
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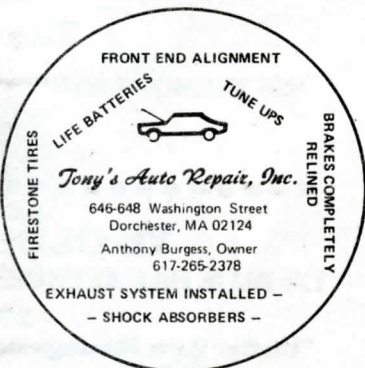
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## *Honorees*



### ***ROXBURY COMMUNITY COLLEGE EXPRESS***

Standing (left to right) Al Kinnitt Jr. (Assistant Coach) Howard West, Jimmie Clyde, Dave Hutchinson, David James, Timothy Adams, Joey Winston, Willie Booker, (Head Coach) Kneeling, Melvin Robinson, Antonio Mitchell, Eddie Reason, Willie Edwards. Mass Community College Athletic Conference Champions 1977-1978

***Team Record won 19 lost 3***

## *Honorees*



### ***ROXBURY COMMUNITY COLLEGE EXPRESSETTES***

Standing (left to right) Leon Clayton (Assistant Coach) Donna Evans, Lisabeth Johnson, Jennifer Webb, Harriet Wilkins, Cheryl Lewis, Deborah Burroughs, Alfreda Harris, (Head Coach), Kneeling, Susan Summons, Shebra Legrant. Missing Carolyn Lewis. Massachusetts Community College Athletic Conference Champions 1977-1978, New England Regional Champions 1977-1978 ***Team Record won 20 lost 0***

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## Seminole Upset

Second-seeded Seminole Junior College was upset by undefeated East Mississippi 71-56 in the opening semifinal game of the NJCAA women's basketball tournament at Johnson County Community College Friday. Attendance was estimated at 1,500 for the night session.

East Mississippi will meet Panola (Tex.), an 82-67 winner over Flathead Valley (Mont.), for the championship of the week-long tournament at 8 p'clock tonight.

In elimination games Clarendon (Texas) held on for an 80-79 victory over Roxbury (Mass.); Luzerne County (Pa.) slipped past Central Arizona (Fla.) 69-67 in overtime; Miami-Dade South and Truett-McConnell rallied in the closing minutes to defeat Crowder (Mo.) 69-58.

After battling to a 31-31 tie in the first half, East Mississippi handed Seminole its second loss in 37 games this year. Seminole hit only 28 percent from the field in the second half.

East Mississippi (31-0) was led by 6-2 sophomore center Jessie Brown who had a game high 21 points and 11 rebounds. Seminole's Teresa Willis had 19 points and 16 rebounds for the favored Seminole Belles.

East Mississippi's Brown, who Tuesday night set a single-game tournament record with 40 points, now has 95 points and 48 rebounds for three games.

In the other semifinal game Rosie Walker poured in 44 points for Panola as the defending champions routed Flathead Valley. Panola was never threatened as it moved to an 11-point halftime lead.

Roxbury, eliminated with an 18-2 record, held a 79-74 lead entering the final two minutes, then Cindy Stark sandwiched a jump shot and layup around a stolen ball to bring the Texans within one point.

Ashby's jumper gave Clarendon the lead, and Roxbury's Sheba Legrant was tied up with the ball under her own basket as time ran out.

Ashby finished with 24 points to lead Clarendon (16-11) while Legrant contributed 31 points and 18 rebounds for the losers.

Luzerne (26-2) needed an overtime, rry and three last-gasp missed shots by one Central Arizona to claim its victory.

Central Arizona (20-10) held a 35-32 halftime lead before Luzerne deadlocked it 63-63 at the end of regulation with five seconds left in overtime and Central was also unable to put in two rebound shots.

Sue Brown had 28 points for Luzerne, while Central, which had 80 rebounds but shot just 31 percent from the field, was led by Jan Grenier's 19.

Theresa Thompson, a 5-foot-8 Miami-Dade South sophomore, tipped in 23 points in the Florida team's defeat of Waldorf.

# Records Fall in Women's Juco

Jessie Brown, 6-2 sophomore center, scored a tournament record high of 40 points and brought down 19 rebounds to lead East Mississippi past Spartanburg Methodist College, S.C., 96-71, Tuesday night in the National Junior College Women's Basketball Tournament.

Brown literally turned the game around for East Mississippi, which came into the tournament with a 28-0 record, as guards Debra Stancil and Rita Higginbotham began hitting the sophomore center with passes through a collapsing Spartanburg defense.

Brown's effort was one of three record breaking performances in second-round play of the tournament at Johnson County Community College.

Earlier in the day Essex Community College of Maryland defeated Miami Dade (South) Community College 83-61 as Janet Flora came up with a record 11 steals in one game. Flora also grabbed seven rebounds, had nine assists and two blocked shots, as she and

Mary Beth Michael hit 24 points each to lead the Essex attack.

Undeclared Roxbury advanced to the quarter-finals with a 29-22 victory over Triett-McConnell. The combined point total was a tournament record. Lisabeth Johnson and Shobral Pearson led the Roxbury offense with 16 points each. Elaine Higginbotham, a 6-foot sophomore center, poured in a game-high 32 points for Triett-McConnell.

In other games Flathead Valley of Montana romped over Calhoun State of Alabama 73-54, while Clarendon, Texas, whipped Illinois Central of Peoria, Ill., 72-48.

Ten Flathead Valley players scored as the Montana school romped over Calhoun State's all-freshman squad. Marcia Topp was the leading scorer for Flathead with 15 points.

Tammy Bates hit 22 points and teammate Cindy Stork added 15 in Clarendon's victory over Illinois Central. Beverly Bryson added 11 points and snared 16 rebounds for the winner, now 17-10.

Illinois Central, 17-3, was led by Karen Richardson with 20 points.

Luzerne County Community College, Pa., escaped with a 58-56 victory over Cowley County (Kan.) Community College. The two teams struggled through the entire game before Luzerne, led by a 21-point performance from 5-10 sophomore center Sue Brown, managed to slip by with a two-point decision.

The halftime score was 30-26 in favor of Luzerne as Cowley County put nine players in the scoring column in an effort to pick up its 14th victory against two losses. Tami Gosch led Cowley with 12 points and Terri Tatum added 10 for Cowley as they go to the losers bracket at 13-3. Luzerne's record is 25-1.

A 20-foot jumper with less than a minute to go by Julie Thompson lifted Central Arizona Junior College to a 61-59 victory over Jackson Community College (Mich.). Leading the attack for Central was Cheryl Hansen with a 21-point performance.



# Unbeaten RCC women top Mass. Bay for 12th straight

## by Michael Fields

Tuning up for next week's state championship tournament, the 5th nationally ranked and undefeated women's team at Roxbury Community College trounced Massachusetts Bay Community College, 90 - 34, Friday night at the Shelburne Recreation Center. RCC's record is now 12 - 0, while Mass. Bay sinks to 11 - 6.

Led by star guard and All-American candidate Susan Summons (18 pts.) and center Shebra Legrant (17 pts. in 20 minutes of playing time), RCC shot into a 16 - 8 lead in the first seven minutes and never looked back. All five RCC starters scored in double figures. High scorer was Carolyn Lewis with 22 pts., mostly

on long jumpers. Jennifer Webb chipped in with 16 pts. and Lisabeth Johnson added 10 pts.

"I stress the execution of the fundamentals," said head coach Alfreda Harris, "good defense, rebounding, and running the fast break. We take our basketball very seriously and a girl must have a positive attitude to play."

How seriously RCC's women take basketball is reflected in the way they play the game. With a 30 second clock, the full-court press becomes an even more potent weapon. (The only other difference from the men's game is the absence of the back-court violation.) RCC's full-court press forced Mass. Bay into numerous turnovers that led to easy RCC lay-ups. Mass. Bay's guards were

continually forced into bad passes, walking violations and double-dribbles by RCC's defensive pressure.

On Saturday and Sunday, February 25 & 26, RCC will be hosting for the first time the 8th Annual men's and women's basketball tournament to determine the championship of the Mass. Community College Athletic Conference. Games will be played at the John A. Shelburne Center at 2730 Washington St. and will pit the two top teams from the east and west divisions against each other.

The action starts at 11 a.m. on Saturday and at 1 p.m. on Sunday. RCC's men's and women's teams are presently leading the East.



# RJJC five gains final!

RCC Women Basketball Team (National N.E. Reps.)

by Herman A. Rolle  
During the past season R.C.C. men and women basketball teams had excellent seasons.

The men's team finished with a 19-2 record, while the women's team compiled a 20-2 record, with their only defeat in the NJCCA 'Tournament Park free Overland

So February. Though there were many firsts written about the important second team, some by the team were le ball, achievements by the team were Junior C overlooked. - an improbable 64-63 vic - at Housatonic Community College of Bridgeport, Conn., in the semifinal round of the Regional 21 play-offs.

The team averaged 95.4 points per game while allowing their opponent only 46.7 pts. (Women's Miss Alfreda Harris (Women's coach) was named coach of the year in Regional tournament winning they retired the trophy. in R.I., starting Sophomores were offered two or more

They broke the record for most points scored in the Nationals (their own record) 98 points. The players, nor their coach have ever received a technical foul.

... one, though."

"If I had to pick anyone on the floor to shoot those foul shots," said Vin Cullen, the RJJC coach, "Billy would be the last one. But he was equal to the task. I'm very happy for him and all the guys. It was a miraculous comeback."

sank a pair of free throws. The Knights an attempt to set up a possible winning shot. But Keith McLachlan was named MVP for his 22 points and 11 rebounds. Keith McLachlan of the American team averaged 32 points per game and 11 rebounds with strong rebounding inside moves.

Over all, the women from Hartford, Conn., compiled a 63-10 record in the 1976-1978, including two regional titles and a 3-6 national record. At this time, we salute your efforts of administration and wish each and every one of you luck and success throughout your careers. And keep on hoopin' it.

16 points for Post.

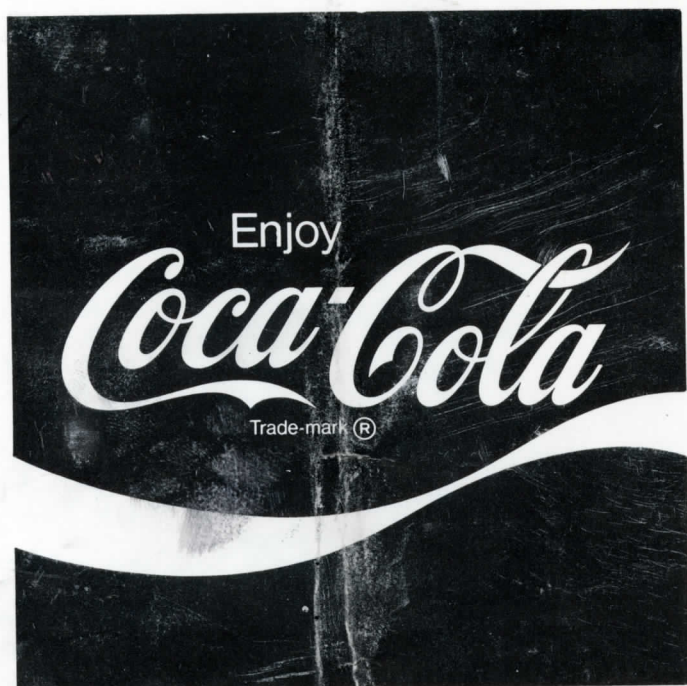
POST (95): Anton 4-4-12, McLachlan 13-11-37, Williams 3-3-9, Remonas 3-2-8, Giorgio 7-2-16, McKinney 3-1-7, Silvia 0-2-2, Ambrose 1-2-4, Hicks 0-0-0, Nolan 0-0-0, totals 34-27-95. ROXBURY (80): Robinson 5-3-13, Reason 4-3-11, West 8-6-22, James 4-0-8, Edwards 4-2-10, Winston 3-2-8, Adams 0-0-0, Clyde 0-0-0, Mitchell 4-0-8, Hutchinson 0-0-0, totals 32-16-80. Halftime: Post, 43-39. RJJC (64): Chris Huntley 3-1-7, Lee 5-0-10, Pereira 4-0-8, Prestier 7-5-19, Vaneer 9-2-18, Leveille 0-0-0, Burke 0-0-0, Brazil 0-2-2, totals 27-10-51. HOUSETONIC (63): Caplan 3-0-4, Dawkins 5-1-11, Fraser 7-1-0, Williams 0-0-0, Williams 1-1-13, Carrington 3-3-9, Williams 1-0-2, Lavery 1-0-2, totals 26-11-63. Halftime: Housatonic, 40-32.



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